



ILLINOIS RACING BOARD

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TO: All Illinois Licensed Trainers & Veterinarians
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The Illinois Racing Board is in the final stages of amending the medication rules to include the regulation of 22 additional therapeutic medications with threshold levels. The threshold levels and withdrawal guidelines were recommended by the Racing Medication and Testing Consortium and adopted by the Association of Racing Commissioners International (RCI).

The IRB currently regulates furosemide, flunixin, ketoprofen, and phenylbutazone. If a laboratory finding in your horse following a race indicates the presence of any of the therapeutic medications at a concentration that exceeds the threshold, you will be in violation of the IRB medication rules. The IRB anticipates that the amended medication rules will become effective July 1, 2015.

Subject to the prohibition contained in Section 603.40 (24 hour ban), the use of the following therapeutic medications shall be permitted: Acepromazine, Albuterol, Betamethasone, Butorphanol, Clenbuterol, Dantrolene, Detomidine, Dexamethasone, Diclofenac, DMSO, Firocoxib, Glycopyrrolate, Isoflupredone, Lidocaine, Mepivacaine, Methocarbamol, Methylprednisolone, Omeprazole, Prednisolone, Procaine Penicillin, Triamcinolone Acetonide, and Xylazine

The Board's laboratory is phasing out ELISA screening and begun instrumental screening. Instrumental screening (GC-MS or LC-MS instrumentation) offers increased sensitivity by lowering limits of detection, as compared to ELISA.

The IRB recognizes that the use of corticosteroids in racehorses is controversial. However, when used responsibly, the medications can be beneficial. Accordingly, the IRB will implement a grace period to allow veterinarians time to adjust their veterinary practices and to allow trainers time to adjust their training practices. The trainer and owner shall be notified if there is a corticosteroid overage, during the grace period, which ends on July 31, 2015.

<u>Corticosteroid</u>	<u>RCI Recommended Withdrawal Guideline</u>
Betamethasone	7 days
Dexamethasone	72 hours
Isoflupredone	7 days
Methylprednisolone	21 days at a 100 milligram dose
Triamcinolone Acetonide	7 days

Visit the IRB's website for the **RCI Controlled Therapeutic Medication Schedule**.
www.illinois.gov/irb